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SUBJECT: SITE FINAL REPORT

PASS: RICHARD BARNES, NASA, HQ

REF: A) COMMERCIAL CABLE BARNES TO YASH PAL SEPT. 1, 1977 B) SITE WINTER SCHOOL VOLUME

1. IN REGARD TO YOUR COMMENTS TO YASH PAL, SPACE APPLICATIONS CENTER (SAC) IN REF (A), SCICOUNS RECENTLY HEARD YASH PAL SPEAK ON SITE RESULTS AND VISITED SAC: AHMEDABAD.YASH PAL PRESENTED SOME OF THE RESULTS FOUND FROM STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF SURVEYS MADE BEFORE,

DURING, AND AFTER SITE. ALTHOUGH, HE SAID THE PERIOD OF THE EXPERIMENT WAS TOO SHORT TO EXPECT MEASURABLE CHANGES TO OCCUR, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF POSITIVE TRENDS WHICH INDICATED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SITE IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, EDUCATION, ETC.HE FELT IT WAS A MOST WORTHWHILE EXPERIMENT AND WAS HIGH IN HIS PRAISE ALL ELEMENTS OF THE TEAM, ESPECIALLY OF NASA SUPPORT.

2.YASH PAL INDICATED THAT THE FINAL REPORT WAS NEARLY READY. LATER, DR. VINOD AGARWAL, HEAD OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SITE EVALUATION GROUP, SAC, TOLD SCICOUNS THAT THE 700 PAGE FINAL REPORT DRAFT WAS UNDER REVIEW. AGARWAL IS PREPARING A TWENTY PAGE SUMMARY REPORT WHICH SHOULD BE READY SOON.

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3. REF. CABLE MENTIONED THAT PRELIMINARY PAPERS ON SITE RESULTS WOULD BE SET TO NASA FOR COMMENT AND AN ISRO/NASA MEETING IN INDIA WOULD FOLLOW. SCICOUNS HAS NOT DISCOUSSED THIS WITH YASH PAL BUT DID, LAST WEEK, MENTION THE MATTER TO PROF.DHAWAN, SECRETARY, ISRO.DHAWAN CONCURRED THAT HE EXPECTED NASA COMMENT AND AN ISRO/NASA MEETING IN INDIA. DHAWAN HAD NOT SEEN A DRAFT OF THE FINAL REPORT.

4. THE APPROVAL OF THE INSAT PROCUREMENT BY THE GOI IS ONE

INDICATION OF THE SUCCESS OF SITE.DHAWAN IS HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT AND WILL BE UNTIL THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IS RELEASED ABOUT THE END OF THIS MONTH.GOHEEN

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